

REMARKS

With this Response, claims 1 and 14 are amended. No claims are added. Claims 9 and 20 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-7, 10, 14-18 and 22-28 are pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges that claims 24-28 were deemed allowable.

Claims 4-7, 9, 15-18 and 20 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 10, 14, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,114,201 to Wu (hereinafter “Wu”).

Claim 1

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 9. Specifically, amended claim 1 recites in part, “*epitaxially growing a semiconductor material within the one or more trenches to fill the one or more trenches.*” Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claim 1 and dependent claims 2-7 and 10.

Claim 14

Applicant has amended claim 14 to incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 20. Specifically, amended claim 14 recites in part, “*epitaxially growing a semiconductor material within the one or more trenches to fill the one or more trenches.*” Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claim 14 and dependent claims 2-7 and 10.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the above-identified application in view of the response.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the rejections of the claims have been overcome herein, placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies or overpayments in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 02-2666, and is requested to notify us of same.

Respectfully submitted,
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